

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

26 November 2023

Christ the King

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28 Matthew 25:31-46

Today's feast celebrates the kingship of Christ and leads us to the very heart of our faith, the death and resurrection of Christ. The kingdom of Christ is a power that reaches down deep into our hearts, one of holiness and grace; a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 am and 10 am

CONFESSION The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated:

- after the Saturday morning Mass.
- before and after the Sunday Masses.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION Today Sunday 26 November *Please keep in your prayers the 20 candidates who will receive these Sacraments at the 10 am Mass today.*

ORDINATION of Bishop-Elect Richard Laurenson Friday 8 December, Cathedral, 6pm.

Please note this is a ticketed event. **Ten seats** have been allocated to each Parish. If you would like to go into the draw to attend, please email your name to the Parish office by **Monday 27 November**. Ten names will be drawn and those successful notified. The Ordination will be live-streamed on YouTube; also at Marian School Hall.

RITE 11 RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT

Thursday 14th December at 7.00 pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT ST COLUMBA'S PARISH

Christmas Eve 7.00 pm

Christmas Day 10.00 am

Sunday 24 December 4th Sunday of Advent Mass Times as normal - 8.00am and 10.00am.

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now available from the Parish office during the week, or from the Church foyer from next Sunday 3 December. Cost \$12.00 each. Order by email and collect. Payment by Eftpos preferred. If paying online, please use the Ref CAL.

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS		
Sunday	8.00 am	Dec'd Members O'Neill Family RIP
	10.00 am	Maria Thoa RIP and Theresa Hong RIP Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00 am	
Wednesday	9.00 am	
Thursday <i>St Andrew</i>	9.00 am	Peter Barton & Family RIP
Friday	9.00 am	
Saturday	9.00 am	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

You are invited to come and learn about the Catholic Faith. Our programme runs weekly on **Wednesday nights at 7.00 pm** at the Parish Centre which is next door to St Columba's Catholic Church.

For further enquiries, please email Fr. Eamon Kennedy at freamonkennedy@gmail.com

EFTPOS / TAP N GO / INTERNET BANKING

We now have **Eftpos** in the Parish, also a **Tap n Go** donation system in the foyer of the church which allows donations of **\$7.00**. For those who may wish to make a contribution via **Internet Banking**:

Parish Bank Acct: 020342 0050016 03

Ref: PLGVNG

Thank you to all who support the Parish financially. If you have recently set up an internet payment, please email your name & contact details to the Parish for tax receipt purposes.

Diocesan Snippets

March for Life Wellington (Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd December) [Register here for our Wellington Convoy](#)

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women CELEBRATION CHARISMATIC MASS FOR 2023

Monday 4th December: 7.00pm – 9.00pm Cathedral, 494 Grey Street, Hamilton East

For more information contact Megan : 021 750 586 nzdove.hamilton@gmail.com www.dove.org.nz

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

St Nicholas - History, Legend & Culture with Beate Matthies **Monday 4 December**, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Free. Donations/Koha are appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-nicholas/>

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul requires a finance-oriented person to take on the role of Treasurer, requiring 8-10 hours of your time monthly. Contact Mike, Mary or Judith - 07 847 4044, Mon - Fri, 9 – 4.

Parish to Parish Bed and Breakfast, a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics. Cost per night: \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, including breakfast. To purchase a book with details of hosts in N Z and Australia, contact: Marie Anderson 03 359 5541 or email: marie.ian@xtra.co.nz. *The cost for a book is \$15 which includes postage.*

MEDJUGORJE IN-DEPTH Experience being a pilgrim in Medjugorje. Departure 19 May 2024

Cost PP share twin NZ\$6,640. **19 May-1 June** (10 nights Medjugorje)

[See flyer for full details](#) www.pilgrimage.nz | 0274 219 064 | info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz

Catholic Family Support Services Fundraiser (0800) 24 20 25 Account Details: 02-0342-0008002-00
\$100 will cover a small food hamper, \$150 a large food hamper, for a family in need this Christmas.

Prayer & Action For A Ceasefire In Gaza

If you would like to be on a mailing list for more info, contact Sister Barbara: barbpeace9@gmail.com.

Food For Faith: A selection of Fr John O'Connor's reflections from the www.foodforfaith.org.nz website is now available as a book. It is offered for people who are seeking greater maturity of faith.

Please visit the website to order.

A Consistent Ethic of Life The landmark bishops' teaching document *Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life* is now available online <https://www.catholic.org.nz/>

Pleroma Christian Supplies is on the hunt for a new Manager who would welcome the chance to relocate to Central Hawkes Bay and lead this well-established ministry business. Further details can be found here: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/71340271>

2024 Retreats

February 11 - 16, Cluny

February 23 - 25, Cluny

March 20 - 24, Tyburn